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### **HUDGENS: BURKE COUNTY FATAL FIRE RULED ACCIDENTAL**

**Atlanta** - Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens said an investigation by his office into a Sunday morning fire that killed a Burke County man appears accidental.

Andrew Lenair Sursson, 33, died in the fire at 710 Savannah Avenue, Waynesboro Ga. Fire Investigators believe the fire was start by Sursson, who left food cooking unattended on the stove.

Hudgens said the duplex home was heavily damaged by the blaze. The fire call was reported at 4:36 a.m.

"My investigator found nothing suspicious about the origin of this tragic fire," Hudgens said. Two adults and a 6-year old child were also in the home at the time of the fire, but escaped unharmed.

This is the 94th reported fire fatal in Georgia for 2013. Fourteen of those deaths are a direct result of unattended cooking.